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SUBJ: FRENCH DRAFT RES ON EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION

(UNSCEAR)

REF: USUN 4034

1. USDEL SHOULD ABSTAIN IN VOTING ON FRENCH RESOLUTION,
MAKING IT CLEAR TO FRENCH PRIVATELY BEFOREHAND AND SUBSE-
QUENTLY IN DEBATE THAT WE ARE ABSTAINING BECAUSE WE
QUESTION THE USEFULNESS OF CONVENING A SPECIAL SESSION OF
UNSCEAR ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE TO CONSIDER NEW DATA, SOME
OF WHICH APPARENTLY NOT EVEN YET COMPILED. NEXT UNSCEAR
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MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 1974 AND WE DO NOT PERCEIVE

NECESSITY OF CONVENING UNSCEAR BEFORE THEN.

2. USDEL SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN DEBATE REGARDING SUBSTANCE OF FRENCH RES OR AMENDMENTS TO IT, AND SHOULD NOT AGREE, WITHOUT CONSULTING DEPT, TO COSPONSOR ANY SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ON UNSCEAR UNLESS EVIDENT THAT IT POLITICALLY NON-CONTROVERSIAL ON NUCLEAR TESTING ISSUE, ACCEPTABLE TO BROAD SPECTRUM OF UN MEMBERS, AND LIKELY TO BE ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

3. UNLESS IT BELIEVES WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, USDEL MAY APPROACH FRENCH PRIVATELY AND URGE THEY WITHDRAW THEIR RESOLUTION. ALREADY EVIDENT THAT PACIFIC STATES (AND PROBABLY LA'S ARE NOT FAR BEHIND) WILL NOT LET OPPORTUNITY PASS FOR CRITICIZING FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING AND WILL TRY TO MODIFY RES TO SUIT THEIR PURPOSES. FRANCE IS LIKELY, IN OUR OPINION, TO BE SINGED IN THE DEBATE AND WE CONCERNED THAT HERETOFORE HIGHLY RESPECTED UNSCEAR LIKELY BE HARMED AS RESULT. WE WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE UNSCEAR BECOME POLITICAL FOOTBALL BETWEEN FRANCE AND HER CRITICS.

ALTERNATIVE COURSE FOR FRENCH, IF THEY PERSIST, MAY BE TO AMEND RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF "MOST RECENT DOCUMENTS" REGARDING FRENCH NUCLR TESTING TO NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED UNSCEAR MEETING IN MARCH. IF AMENDED IN THIS MANNER WITHOUT CHANGE IN PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPHS, US DEL MAY VOTE IN FAVOR OF RESOLUTION. KISSINGER

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